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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 20, 2006, with a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Van Leeuwen & Van Leeuwen, Deposit Account No. 50-3754.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper; and

**Replacement Drawings** are included with this Response.